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Letter dated 25 May 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

I have the honour to submit the attached presidency note containing information on the steps taken by the European Union with a view to implementing Security Council resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007) (see annex).

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Presidency note on implementing Security Council resolution 1737 (2006) and Security Council resolution 1747 (2007)

In its letter dated 21 February 2007, the Presidency of the Council of the European Union submitted to the Security Council information on the steps taken by the European Union (EU) with a view to implementing effectively the provisions of Security Council resolution 1737 (2006), and indicated that further information would follow after formal adoption of the relevant legal instruments by the EU. As the Security Council, on 24 March 2007, adopted Security Council resolution 1747 (2007), which, in its paragraph 8, also calls for a report on its implementation, the following information highlights, in chronological order, the (further) steps taken by the EU with a view to implementing the provisions of both Security Council resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007).

Common Position 2007/140/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran, which the Council of the European Union endorsed on 12 February 2007, entered into force on 27 February 2007. Council Regulation 423/2007, which implements this Common Position in the field of EC jurisdiction, went into effect on 20 April 2007. In follow-up to Security Council resolution 1747 (2007) the Council of the European Union adopted, on 23 April 2007, Common Position 2007/246/CFSP, amending Common Position 2007/140/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran. Common Position 2007/246/CFSP imposes a full arms embargo on Iran covering all arms and related materiel, prohibits the procurement of arms and related material from Iran, updates the lists of persons and entities whose travel is being restricted and whose assets are being frozen, and stipulates that EU member States shall not enter into new commitments for grants, financial assistance and concessional loans to the Government of Iran, including through their participation in international financial institutions, except for humanitarian and development purposes. Commission Regulation 441/2007, which entered into force on 21 April, amended Council Regulation 423/2007, by including the names of the persons and entities whose assets are to be frozen according to Security Council resolution 1747 (2007) in the relevant annex to Council Regulation 423/2007.

Preparations are also under way to adopt without delay a further Council Regulation prohibiting the provision of technical and financial assistance, financing and investment related to arms and related materiel. The text was finalized at the working level and is expected to be adopted by the Council on 5 June 2007.